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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the application of: Markus Pompejus *et al.*
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For: "Corynebacterium Glutamicum Genes Encoding Proteins Involved in Membrane Synthesis and Membrane Transport"
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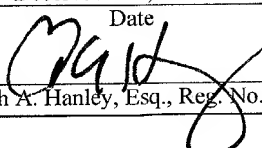
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REQUEST FOR FOUR-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME

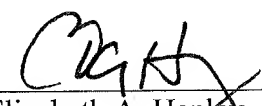
Dear Sir:

Applicants request a four-month extension of time pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) in which to respond to the Restriction Requirement dated July 20, 2001.

Enclosed is a check which covers the appropriate one-month extension of time fee of **\$1,440.00**, based on large entity status. Please charge any underpayments or credit any overpayments to our Deposit Account No. 12-0080. *A duplicate of this sheet is enclosed.*

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